

Appl. No. 10/045,948

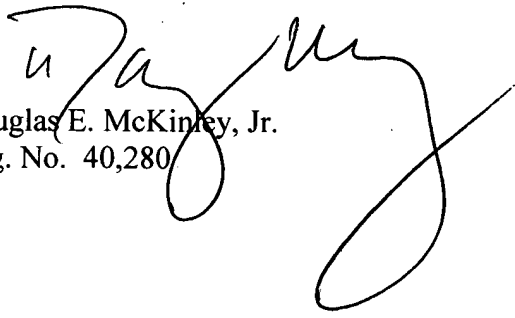
Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of May 18, 2004

Mailed July 17, 2004

Closure

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place the above referenced application in condition for allowance and action toward that end is respectfully requested. Should the examiner have any further observations or comments, he is invited to contact the undersigned for resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

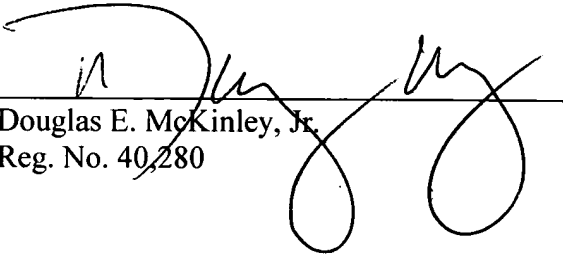

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The undersigned hereby certifies that the forgoing response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of May 18, 2004 (5 pages), PTO Form PTO/SB/17 (fee sheet, 1 page, two copies), and return postcard are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to

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July 17, 2004
Date